LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GENERAL ORDER

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDER AMENDING RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES

In Re: Treatment of information designated as Trade Secret, Proprietary, or Confidential.

At a meeting of the Commission held on August 18, 1992, the Commission considered amendment to its Rules of Practice and Procedures in order to incorporate therein specific provisions for the treatment of information claimed and found to be in the nature of a trade secret or proprietary or confidential. The following paragraphs were incorporated into the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures:

Upon request of regulated entity or other person, any records received by the Commission which are shown by the company or other person and found by the Commission to be trade secret, proprietary, or confidential information, and not necessary to be disclosed to public, shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt form public disclosure.

The Commission also approved an amendment to Rule 26 of its Rule of Practice and Procedures as follows:

All official hearings conducted in any proceeding shall be open to the public, unless the Commission decides that a closed hearing is necessary to protect information that is exempt form public disclosure under the Public Records Act, R.S. §§ 44:1 et seq. A hearing shall remain closed only for the period of time necessary to consider the confidential information. All hearings shall be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, unless the Commission shall designate another place of hearing.

SO ORDERED

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA AUGUST 31, 1992

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